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In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

These features of the embodiment of Figure 1 – that is, the larger proportion of the total surface area at or near the surface of the surf craft, the greater longitudinal length, and the longer peripheral edge – allows assembly 1 to provide the surfer or other surf craft user greater turning potential, without having to compromise control. In comparison to prior art fin assemblies, assembly 1 allows the surf craft to undertake turns about a smaller arc – or about the same arc, but with less input required from the surfer. In effect, assembly 1 allows the surf craft to be more manoeuvrable maneuverable. The extended length of the fin assembly adjacent to the surf craft provides sufficient sectional area to allow the surface to gain sufficient purchase against the water when executing a turn. However, fin assembly 1 also has a depth sufficient to provide for good straight-line stability, without contributing overly to drag due to the relatively small sectional area in the portion of the assembly that is distal from the surf craft.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Relative to assembly 1, assembly 41 has a greater depth, a smaller length adjacent to surface 16, a smaller sectional area A, and a lower percentage of the total area in the 0.3.H zone. The difference in performance between assembly 1 and assembly 41 is that the latter is even more manoeuvrable maneuverable than the former, in that is will turn with less force being exerted by the surfer (or turn more when exposed to the same force).

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Surprisingly, and unlike prior art fins, the manoeuvrability maneuverability of the preferred embodiments are not compromised by the increased base length. This is due to the greater undercut or feathering of the primary fin. That is, the combination of features offered by the preferred embodiments provide improved grip and hold against the water – both at the wave face and at the trough – greater ease of manoeuvrability maneuverability and a substantial improvement in speed. In colloquial terms, the fin assembly provides greater drive due to the ability to trap more water.